

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



Class Code	KB50	Band	06
Class Title	Nutritionist IV		
General Nature of Work	Positions in the class provide normal and therapeutic services to high risk patients/clients, health care institutions or homes within designated program or units.		
Guidelines for Class Use / Distinguishing Characteristics	This class is intended for journey-level registered dietitians.		
Examples of Work	<p>Assesses the nutritional needs of medically high-risk clients with multiple and/or complex needs using anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, dietary and socio-economic data. Develops nutrition care plans for physician prescribed complex therapeutic diets, nutrient supplementation, or enteral or parenteral nutrition support. Implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates nutrition care plans for nutritionally high-risk clients. Delivers medical nutrition therapy to clients and families based on nutrition care plan and utilizing the nutrition care process. Monitors and modifies nutrition care plans to improve or stabilize the medical/nutritional condition. Maintains client records and prepare reports. Monitors and evaluates outcomes for nutrition interventions and services. Participates in quality assurance activities. Conducts in-service training for health professionals on nutrition management of clients with medically/nutritionally complex conditions. Plans, implements, and evaluates nutrition services in a specialized area. Consults with members of the health care team regarding nutrition management of patient care. Supervises entry-level dietitians and other nutritionists in delivering nutrition care to clients. Monitors staff productivity and performance. Directs or participates in program planning, policy-making, and the development of standards for nutrition services.</p>		
<i>Note: The examples of work listed in this class specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment of the position. The intent of the listed examples is to give a general indication of the levels of difficulty and responsibility common to all positions in this class.</i>			
Knowledge Skills and Abilities	<p>Knowledge of the principles and practices of public health nutrition as related to the control of disease and the promotion of health. Knowledge of trends in the fields of health care, nutrition and dietetics. Knowledge of principles and practices of dietetics and human nutrition. Knowledge of program planning, implementation and evaluation techniques. Knowledge of epidemiology and biostatistics. Knowledge of current laws and regulations as related to health care, food and nutrition services. Knowledge of principles of data collection, analysis and design of management information systems. Ability to deal tactfully with public and agency staff.</p>		
<i>Note: The knowledge, skills and abilities listed are not necessarily inclusive of the requirements for every position in the class.</i>			
Necessary Special Requirements	Some positions require registration with the American Dietetics Association and a valid license from the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics.		
Minimum Requirements	<p>A bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics or community nutrition and experience in a clinical, public health or institutional setting; or a bachelor's degree in any field and registration by the American Dietetics Association and experience in a clinical, public health or institutional setting.</p>		

Note: Additional requirements may be applicable for individual positions in the employing agency.